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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 in the above referenced application, applicant elects Examiner's species Group III, claims 9-15, and elects the species of IGF-1, with traverse.

Applicant cancels claims 1-8 and 15-28 without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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